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## 10 Reasons Why Flu Shots Are More Dangerous Than Flu Itself

Posted by phunkyhic666 on October 22, 2010

From [BeWellBuzz.com](http://BeWellBuzz.com):

The verdict is out on flu shots. Many medical experts now agree it is more important to protect yourself and your family from the flu vaccine than the flu itself. Let's take a look at the reasons behind this verdict:

1.) There is a total lack of real evidence that young children even benefit from flu shots. A systematic review of 51 studies involving 260,000 children age 6 to 23 months found no evidence that the flu vaccine is any more effective than a placebo. Also the shots are only able to protect against certain strains of the virus, which means that if you come into contact with a different strain of virus you will still get the flu.

2.) Medical journals have published thousands of articles revealing that injecting vaccines can actually lead to serious health problems including harmful immunological responses and a host of other infections. This further increases...



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# Most of the 9/11 Terrorists Came From

Posted by Good German on October 22, 2010

AFP reports, via [CommonDreams](#):

In its biggest arms deal ever, the United States announced it will sell up to 60 billion dollars worth of warplanes, helicopters and other weapons to Saudi Arabia, partly to help it counter Iran.

The plan allows for the sale of 84 F-15 fighter jets, 70 Apache attack helicopters, 72 tactical Black Hawk helicopters and 36 light helicopters, assistant secretary for political-military affairs Andrew Shapiro said.

The sale, which also includes the upgrade of 70 used F-15s, is "not to exceed 60 billion" dollars, Shapiro told reporters as President Barack Obama's administration notified Congress of its plans to make the deal.

Congress has the authority to amend or delay the agreement, according to Shapiro, who said he did not expect Israeli opposition to the sale.

The delivery of the weapons to oil-rich Saudi Arabia would be spread over 15 to 20 years.

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## The Addictive Opioids In Wheat And Dairy Foods

Posted by phunkyhic666 on October 22, 2010

By Brad Weeks, MD from 2008, at his blog [WeeksMD.com](#):

**In Short:** Wheat- and dairy products contain opioid peptides influencing endorphin receptors in the brain. These peptides are physically addictive, causing dependence, asthma, obesity, apathy, ignorance and numbness. The same goes for beta-carbolines from prepared food.

To be sharp and investigative, you ought to consume neither dairy- nor wheat-products. You don't need those 'foods' at all.

To obtain all required nutrients and to remain sharp and investigative; consume as much fruits (there are about 6000 different fruits), and some fresh raw animal food regularly (like sashimi or egg yolk). And for munch-food; only consume what you really, really love to eat (and not because they say it's healthy), containing little protein, but much fat and / or sugar, satisfying your cravings for munch-food.

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# Within Two Months

Posted by AmandaPelliciani on October 22, 2010

Director George Romero can scare us with zombies and crazies, but this disease which causes the body to rot away is all too real. The disease is caused by insects that enter the body, suck the blood and breed rapidly. Associated Press writer Godfrey Olukya reports:

A disease whose progression and symptoms seem straight out of a horror movie but which can be treated has killed at least 20 Ugandans and sickened more than 20,000 in just two months.

Jiggers, small insects which look like fleas, are the culprits in the epidemic which causes parts of the body to rot. They often enter through the feet. Once inside a person's body, they suck the blood, grow and breed, multiplying by the hundreds. Affected body parts — buttocks, lips, even eyelids — rot away.

James Kakooza, Uganda's minister of state for primary health care, said jiggers can easily kill young children by sucking their...

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## Crocodile Blamed For Plane Crash In Congo

Posted by AmandaPelliciani on October 22, 2010

A British pilot and 19 others were killed in a plane crash after a smuggled crocodile on board caused panic. The good news is that Samuel L. Jackson now has an idea for his next film, "Crocodiles On A Plane."

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## Facebook's 'Gaydar' Outs Gays

Posted by majestic on October 21, 2010

When it was **recently revealed** that a Ugandan newspaper was outing gays in its pages many people were shocked, but perhaps put it down to that country having societal values different from our own. Now it appears that America's social media giant Facebook may be doing much the same thing, in its own high-tech way. From **Gawker's Valleywag**:

Facebook allows users to list which gender of partner



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they're "interested in." But do you want Facebook's advertisers to know if you're gay? A Microsoft researcher has found a loophole which could secretly reveal a gay user's sexuality to advertisers.



It's no secret that Facebook, like many other online services, targets ads to different groups of users based on demographic data. But using a sensitive category like sexuality to target advertising—which Facebook apparently does—can lead to troubling privacy issues.

For a recent [paper](#), researchers from Microsoft and Germany's Max Planck Institute wanted to see if Facebook...

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## Woman Caught By CCTV Throwing Cat In Garbage Bin Only Receives Fine

Posted by majestic on October 21, 2010

The fat lady who threw a cat into a garbage bin has avoided being sent to the slammer herself. However, Mary Bale — the perp caught by the UK's ubiquitous surveillance cameras — has been fined 265 pounds (\$420) for animal cruelty (per [Reuters](#)). She could have received a sentence of up to six months in jail — should she have?

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## NASA Discovers Moon Oasis

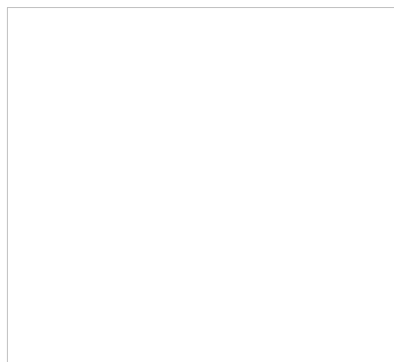
Posted by AmandaPelliciani on October 21, 2010

It's not a mirage, it may actually be an oasis. From [The New York Times](#):

The Moon, at least at the bottom of a deep, dark cold crater near its south pole, seems to be wetter than the Sahara, scientists reported Thursday.

In lunar terms, that is an oasis, surprisingly wet for a place that had long been thought by many planetary scientists to be utterly dry.

If astronauts were to visit this crater, they might be able to



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“That is a very valuable resource,” said Anthony Colaprete, principal investigator of NASA’s **Lunar Crater Observation and Sensing Satellite** — or Lcross, for short — which made the observations as it, by design, slammed into the...

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## Connection Between Genetics and Alcohol Tolerance Found

Posted by AmandaPelliciani on October 21, 2010

While science still hasn’t decided whether or not alcoholism is genetic, they have found a gene that may answer why some people have a higher tolerance. From **BBC News**:

Experts say they have found a “tipsy” gene that explains why some people feel alcohol’s effects quicker than others.

The US researchers believe 10% to 20% of people have a version of the gene that may offer some protection against alcoholism.

That is because people who react strongly to alcohol are less likely to become addicted, studies show.

The University of North Carolina said the study aims to help fight addiction, not pave the way for a cheap night out.

Ultimately, people could be given CYP2E1-like drugs to make them more sensitive to alcohol – not to get them drunk more quickly, but to put them off drinking to inebriation, the Alcoholism: Clinical and Experimental Research journal reported.



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## Is Solar Power Too Powerful For Germany?

Posted by Good German on October 21, 2010

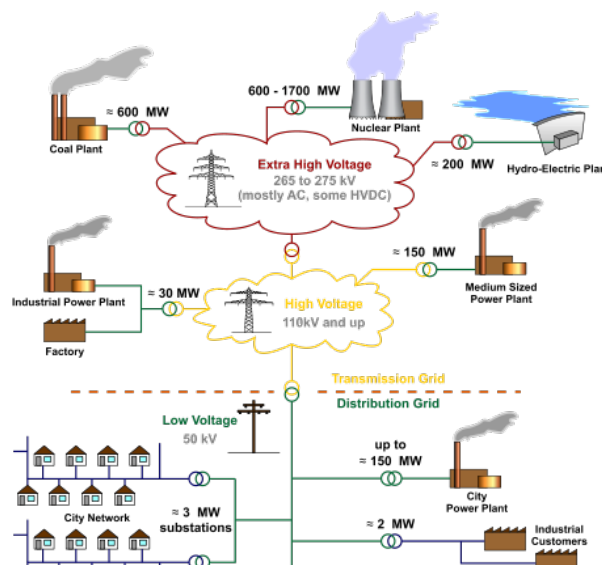
UPI reports:

The German electricity grid faces instability because of too much solar power, an expert said.

Thanks to a generous feed-in tariff, the installation of rooftop solar panels and large-scale photovoltaic plants has exploded in Germany.

Stephan Kohler, chairman of the DENA agency, an energy adviser to the government, has warned that the green boom could turn into a disaster for Germany’s aging power grid.

“The network is facing a congestion



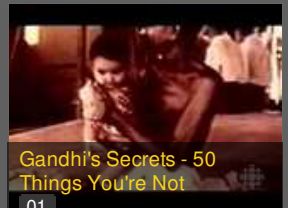
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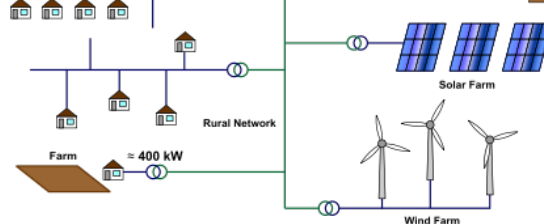
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due to solar power," Kohler told the Berliner Zeitung newspaper. "That's why the expansion of solar power has to be cut back quickly and drastically."

Experts have long called for an overhaul of the European power grid to integrate the fluctuating renewable energy sources such as solar and wind power.



Experts forecast between 8 gigawatts and 10 GW of solar power capacity to be installed this year — the equivalent of roughly 10 large coal-fired power plants. In 2009, only 4 GW were installed.

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## Gary Lachman's Journey From Blondie To Jung

Posted by majestic on October 21, 2010

Gary Lachman, author of the classic alternative history of the '60s, *Turn Off Your Mind: The Mystic Sixties and the Dark Side of the Age of Aquarius* and formerly a member of Blondie, appears in a new interview with Ian McNay on Conscious TV:

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## Internet To Reach 2 Billion Users This Year

Posted by JacobSloan on October 21, 2010

Great, a third of the world's population to have carpal tunnel and hunchback, and be socially awkward? **Mashable:**

The number of Internet users will surpass 2 billion before the end of 2010, the International Telecommunication Union (ITU) said in a report.



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There will be 226 million new Internet users this year, 162 million of which will be from the developing countries. Despite the fast growth of Internet users there, the developing countries still have a long way to go to catch up with the developed world.



By the end of 2010, 71% of the population in developed countries will be online, compared to only 21% of people in developing countries. Regionally, 65% of the population is online in Europe, 55% in the Americas, 21.9% in the Asia/Pacific regions, while a mere 9.6% of the population is online in Africa.

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## American Dental Association Warns of Dangers of Fluoride

Posted by majestic on October 21, 2010

What is the ADA thinking?!? It's dental dogma, surely, that everyone should poison themselves with fluoride in order to avoid tooth cavities. Maybe, just maybe, the tide is turning against forced consumption of fluoride. Ethan A. Huff reports for [Natural News](#):



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Advocates of fluoridated water insist that the chemical additive is good for teeth, but actual science routinely shows otherwise, including a new study published in the *Journal of the American Dental Association* confirming fluoride as a toxic substance that actually destroys teeth, particularly those of developing young children and babies.

When people are exposed to excessive levels of fluoride through sources like drinking water, foods and beverages and even swallowed toothpaste, it often results in a condition known as dental fluorosis. The internal uptake of fluoride into teeth over time causes their enamel to become mottled and discolored, the end result being damaged teeth that have essentially rotted from...

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## Tracking Criminals With A DNA Mist

Posted by JacobSloan on October 21, 2010

A "DNA mist" that store employees can spray on unaware robbers: is this the future of crime-fighting? [New York Times](#) reports:

Rotterdam, the Netherlands — When the McDonald's down from City Hall here was burglarized a few years ago, its managers decided they needed a new security system.

It was just about that time that local police officers were offering something totally different that they hoped would stem a rising tide of robberies that occur mainly in the immigrant neighborhoods of this rough-and-tumble port city. The new system involved an employee-activated device that sprays a fine, barely visible mist laced with synthetic DNA to cover anyone in its path, including criminals, and simultaneously alerts the police to a crime in progress.

The mist — visible only under ultraviolet light — carries DNA markers particular to the location, enabling the police to match the burglar with the place burgled. Now, a sign on the front...



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## Google Tax Scandal

Posted by majestic on October 21, 2010

We all know that there are some genius-level minds at Google, and now it seems they've applied their high-powered IQs to working out how not to pay taxes. Guys, can you create an app for that — I'd like to pay 2.4% tax too! From [Bloomberg News](#):



Google Inc. cut its taxes by \$3.1 billion in the last three years using a technique that moves most of its foreign profits through Ireland and the Netherlands to Bermuda.

Google's income shifting — involving strategies known to lawyers as the "Double Irish" and the "Dutch Sandwich" — helped reduce its overseas tax rate to 2.4 percent, the lowest of the top five U.S. technology companies by market capitalization, according to regulatory filings in six countries.

"It's remarkable that Google's effective rate is that low," said Martin A. Sullivan, a tax economist who formerly worked for the U.S. Treasury Department. "We know this company operates throughout..."

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## Cybershark Feeding Frenzy

Posted by cybercasualty on October 21, 2010

An article (largely inspired by Disinfo posts—thank you) that contextualizes recent developments in an increasingly nosey society, published by [Taki's Magazine](#):



The perverse coupling of surveillance and exhibitionism forms a cornerstone of American technocracy. Most Americans, be they liberals or libertarians, are unnerved by government agents, corporate data-miners, or high-tech Peeping Toms probing their personal details. And yet invasive, weirdly intimate technologies multiply like digital cockroaches, all but devouring the expectation of privacy taken for granted only a generation ago. Progress is simply too en vogue to resist.

Reality television brings a glamorous air to perpetual surveillance. The genre has enjoyed immense popularity over the last decade—comprising nearly a fifth of new broadcast programs this season—with cameramen poking into American life's every facet. From moneyed luxury's heights to the working-class struggle's dregs, everyone's in line for their 15 minutes of fame.

Consequently, the art of living on film is continually refined. But the recent success of...

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## College Student, Marisol Valles, Named Police Chief in Mexico Town ... Because No One Else Wanted the Job

Posted by Ralph Bernardo on October 21, 2010

This is insane. Liz Goodwin writes in [Yahoo News' The Upshot](#):



A town near drug cartel capital Juarez, Mexico, had just one applicant for police chief after a spate of killings of

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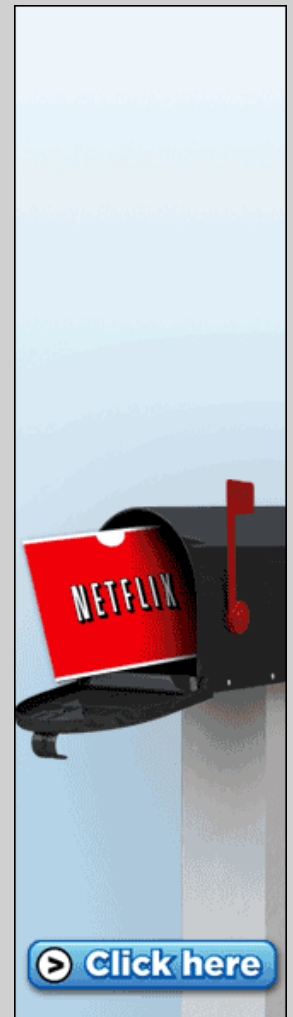
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public officials in drug-related violence.

So now the new chief in Guadalupe, a town of 10,000 residents near the Texas border, is 20-year-old college criminology major Marisol Valles García.

Public officials have increasingly become the targets of assassination as Mexican cartels try to tighten their grasp on the country. Just this year, 11 Mexican mayors have been slain, including the former mayor of Guadalupe, who was killed in June. In the small town, "police

officers and security agents have been killed, some of them beheaded," according to the AFP.

Valles tells a local paper that she took the job to help the town's people become less fearful. "Afraid? Everyone is afraid and it's very natural. What motivates me here is that the project...

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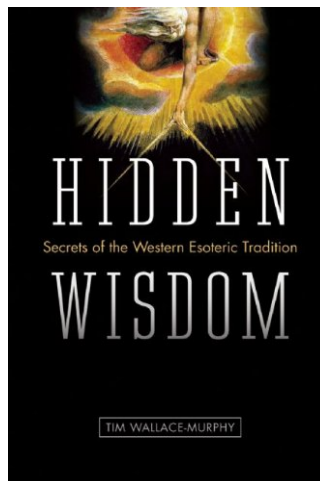
Posted by GregKaminsky on October 21, 2010

Occult of Personality — Podcast Episode 92: Tim Wallace-Murphy

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In this episode, we're joined by international bestselling author Tim Wallace-Murphy to discuss his most recent book, *Hidden Wisdom: Secrets of the Western Esoteric Tradition*.

Tim Wallace-Murphy is renowned for his books which delve into the mysteries surrounding the Knights Templar, Rosslyn, sacred geometry, and especially Rex Deus. His latest book encompasses all these and much more, broadening the scope to include the philosophies that were perpetuated and propagated by the guardians of the Western Mystery tradition. *Hidden Wisdom* begins in prehistory with the dawn of civilization and finishes in modern times, encompassing the intertwined currents of history and esotericism. In our conversation, Tim talks about this secret tradition, as well as its significance to world history and ourselves.



"The influence of the Masonic order has long been a matter of speculation and public concern, but the existence of the *Rex Deus* families was almost...

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## Crime-Fighting Over Twitter: UK Police Force Tweets 3,205 Crime Reports

Posted by moezilla on October 21, 2010

Last Friday, a British police force posted an update on Twitter for every crime report they handled during a 24-hour period. ("We have already had 214 incidents before 5 a.m.," read their first Tweet.) Facing budget cuts, the police outreach was "designed to highlight the wide range of work the force carries out," and showed that their activities went beyond simple statistics about criminal activities.

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"A lot of what we do is dealing with social and health problems such as missing children, people with mental health problems and domestic abuse," explained the police chief. When it was over, they reminded the public it was intended "to raise awareness of the wide range of incidents that police officers have to deal with every day." But the bizarre crime reports had also increased their following on Twitter from...

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## Joe Miller Handcuffs Democracy

Posted by aaroncynic on October 21, 2010

Aaron Cynic writes at [Diatribes Media](#):

Republican Senate candidate Joe Miller, one of the more extremist Tea Party darling candidates of this election cycle, seems to have his own set of brownshirts. Joe Miller's private security detail handcuffed and detained Tony Hopfinger, editor for the *Alaska Dispatch* and reportedly pushed him into a wall at an event for the GOP Senate candidate. According to Miller's website, Hopfinger "appeared irrational, angry and potentially violent" and apparently "assaulted another individual."

Hopfinger's account of the incident appears slightly less hyperbolic. He stated he was surrounded by both private (non-uniformed) security guards and Miller supporters after he followed and attempted to ask uncomfortable and unwelcome questions. Hopfinger admits to pushing a guard out of the way, but only after he began to feel threatened by what seemed like a mob. While Miller's campaign said Hopfinger was trespassing on a "private" event, that event...



Joe Miller. Photo: Paraserv (CC)

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## Death Of The Wristwatch

Posted by majestic on October 20, 2010

I haven't worn a wristwatch in years, and I don't plan to start again — ever — even if it's a Prada Bluetooth everything device, like the one at right. Will wristwatches become as much of an anachronism as pocket watches? Matthew Battle writes an obituary in [The Atlantic](#):

Who wears a wristwatch anymore? Although luxury mechanical watches remain status symbols, time may be running out for the clock you wear. For a generation with smart phones and other networked devices readily at hand, the utility of the classic timepiece is unclear. "The Beloit College Mindset List," a much-cited annual index of the rapid pace of cultural drift in the digital age, observes that members of the college class of 2014 are so unfamiliar with the wristwatch that "they've never recognized that pointing to their wrists was a request for the time of day." *Yup, that's your wrist, old-timer. Touch of...*



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## End of the Earth Postponed

Posted by Good German on October 20, 2010

Or maybe it's already happened. [LiveScience](#) reports:

It's a good news/bad news situation for believers in the 2012 Mayan apocalypse. The good news is that the Mayan "Long Count" calendar may not end on Dec. 21, 2012 (and, by extension, the world may not end along with it). The bad news for prophecy believers? If the calendar doesn't end in December 2012, no one knows when it actually will — or if it has already.



A new critique, published as a chapter in the new textbook "[Calendars and Years II: Astronomy and Time in the Ancient and Medieval World](#)" (Oxbow Books, 2010), argues that the accepted conversions of dates from Mayan to the modern calendar may be off by as much as 50 or 100 years. That would throw the supposed and [overhyped 2012 apocalypse](#) off by decades and cast into doubt the dates of historical Mayan events. (The doomsday worries are based on...

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## Astronomers Discover Oldest Galaxy Yet

Posted by [AmandaPelliciani](#) on October 20, 2010

What's the farthest we can see from Earth? Galaxy UDFy\_38135539, 13.1 billion light years away, thanks to Europe's Very Large telescope. [Daily Mail](#) reports:

Astronomers have discovered the oldest and most distant object in the universe – a galaxy so far away that its light has taken 13.1 billion years to reach the Earth.

The galaxy, which was spotted by Europe's Very Large telescope in Chile, is the most remote cluster of stars, gas and dust ever measured.



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It is so distant, scientists are observing it when the universe was in its infancy – aged just 00 million years old, or four per cent of its present age.

Dr. Nicole Nesvadba of the Institute of Space Astrophysics in Paris said: 'Measuring the most distant galaxy so far is very exciting in itself, but the astrophysical implication of this detection are even more important.

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